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SUBJ: WEO DRAFT RESOLUTION ON LEBANESE SC COMPLAINT

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(B) USUN 1345

1. BRITISH HAVE GIVEN US TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH EMERGED FROM THEIR NEGOTIATIONS EARLY THIS EVENING WITH FRANCE, AUSTRIA AND AUSTRALIA (REFTEL A). THEY HAVE ASKED FOR OUR COMMENTS IN ADVANCE OF MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR 10:30 AM AND 11:00 AM TOMORROW, FIRST BETWEEN BRITISH AND THREE WEO ASSOCIATES, SECOND BETWEEN ALL NON-PERM SC MEMBERS. UKUN OFF (WESTON) HAS TOLD US UKUN WOULD BE PREPARED TO ASK ASSOCIATES TO AGREE TO "STAND FAST ANE ACCEPT NO FURTHER AMENDMENTS" IF US CAN AGREE TO VOTE FOR PRESENT DRAFT, OR PERHAPS ONE WITH SLIGHT AMENDMENTS (PARA 3 BELOW).

2. "THE SECURITY COUNCIL,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE AGENDA CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT

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S/AGENDA/.....,

HAVING NOTED THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTERS OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF LEBANON DATED 11 AND 14 APRIL AND OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL DATED 12 APRIL,

HAVING HEARD THE STATEMENTS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF LEBANON AND OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL,

CONCERNED AT THE CONTINUED ACTS OF VIOLENCE,

GRAVELY CONCERNED THAT SUCH ACTS MIGHT ENDANGER EFFORTS NOW TAKING PLACE TO BRING ABOUT A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST,

RECALLING THE GENERAL ARMISTICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND LEBANON OF 23 MARCH 1949 AND THE CEASEFIRE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 233 (1967) AND 234 (1967),

1. CONDEMNS ALL ACTS OF VIOLENCE WHICH RESULT IN THE TRAGIC LOSS OF INNOCENT CIVILIAN LIFE AND URGES ALL CONCERNED TO REFRAIN FROM ANY FURTHER ACTS OF VIOLENCE;

2. CONDEMNS ISRAEL'S VIOLATION OF LEBANON'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND SOVEREIGNTY AND CALLS ONCE MORE ON THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL TO REFRAIN FROM FURTHER MILITARY ACTIONS AND THREATS AGAINST LEBANON;

3. CALLS UPON ALL GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED TO FULFIL THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW RELATING TO THE ORGANISATION WITHIN THEIR TERRITORY OF ACTS OF FORCE AGAINST THE TERRITORY OF ANOTHER STATE;

4. CALLS UPON ISRAEL TO RELEASE FORTHWITH AND RETURN TO LEBANON THE LEBANESE CIVILIANS ABDUCTED DURING THE NIGHT OF 12 - 13 APRIL 1974;

5. CALLS UPON ALL PARTIES TO REFRAIN FROM ANY ACTION WHICH MIGHT ENDANGER NEGOTIATIONS AIMED AT ACHIEVING A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST."
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3. WESTON OFFERED FOLLOWING COMMENTS RE POSITIONS OF WEO ASSOCIATES ON VARIOUS POINTS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION:

(A) PREAM PARA 6: WHILE THIS PARA HAS APPEARED IN PREVIOUS SIMILAR RESOLUTIONS, WESTON DID NOT BELIEVE ANY OF WEO ASSOCIATES CONSIDERED IT ESSENTIAL.

(B) OP PARAS 1 AND 2: WESTON THROUGH IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO SUBSTITUTE "DEPLORES" FOR "CONDEMNS" IN BOTH PARAS, THOUGH FRENCH MUCH PREFERRED LATTER. ALL THREE ASSOCIATES FELT IT WAS NOT REPAT NOT POSSIBLE TO SELL RESOLUTION TO NON-ALIGNED WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO QIRYAT SHMONA IN ANY OP PARA. WESTON THOUGHT IT JUST MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO ADD SUCH A REFERENCE TO PREAM PARA 4, I.E., "... PARTICULARLY AT QIRYAT SHMONA."

(C) OP PARA 3: NONE OF ASSOCIATES WOULD ACCEPT SPECIFIC CALL UPON LEBANON TO HALT TERRORIST ACTIVITIES, MAINLY ON GROUND THAT THERE WAS NO CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE THAT QIRYAT SHMONA ATTACKERS HAD IN FACT COME FROM LEBANON

(D) OP PARA 4: WESTON THOUGHT THIS PARA MIGHT POSSIBLY BE NEGOTIABLE, THOUGH ITS INCLUSION WOULD, HE FELT, BE IMPORTANT SELLING POINT WITH NON-ALIGNED.
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